

would otherwise cease production in a manner consistent with current law. Marginal wells are an important resource, and there is strong bipartisan support for ensuring the continued operation of these wells.

Although this resolution does not carry the force of law, it does send an important message to the administration and others that there is strong support for filling the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to its maximum authorized capacity, and it does it in a way that is respectful and consistent with both current law and the War Powers Resolution we recently passed.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support the legislation.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, September 28, 2001.

SPENCER ABRAHAM,
Secretary, Department of Energy, Independence
Avenue, Washington, DC.

DEAR SECRETARY ABRAHAM: I am writing to encourage the Department to take steps to fully stock the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. At this time of low oil prices, it makes sense to ensure that we have a full Reserve to protect us from potential instability in the future.

It is my understanding that the SPR currently holds about 544 million barrels of oil and that its capacity is 700 million barrels. I believe we should take advantage of the relatively low oil prices we are enjoying to fill the Reserve to capacity. As you know, these reserves can be used to protect our nation against interruptions in petroleum supply. In these uncertain times, I believe that we should have the maximum possible reserve supply to ensure that we are able to meet our nation's energy needs under a variety of contingencies.

While prices are low, I realize that purchasing the additional oil will require additional resources. I would be willing to support increased appropriations for the Department of Energy to be dedicated to this purpose.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

With best wishes,
Sincerely,

JOHN E. BALDACCI,
Member of Congress.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, we have no other speakers so I am going to wrap this up quickly. I thank the gentleman from Maine (Mr. BALDACCI) for his excellent work in the last Congress on the Refined Products Reserve. That reserve is in place. We have checked with DOE officials, and it is full. It is ready to be utilized if there is a shortage of fuel oil this winter in the Northeast. Hopefully there will not be. It is another example of the fine bipartisanship that we have on this subcommittee and the full committee. The gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) and the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. BOUCHER) worked with the gentleman from New York (Mr. FOSSELLA) and the gentleman

from New York (Mr. SWEENEY), and others on the Republican side to move that legislation in the last Congress.

Mr. Speaker, I do not want to belabor the point on the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. Suffice it to say it is another tool in our country's arsenal as we go after terrorists. We do not want to give any terrorist anywhere in the world the idea that they can blackmail us economically by shutting off our oil supply.

We have invested so far in the reserve approximately \$15 billion in 1998 dollars. For a very small incremental cost, we can fill the reserve to its full 1 billion barrel capacity, and it will be available to be used by the President of the United States if he sees fit to utilize it to protect our economy.

Mr. Speaker, I hope we can pass this with all yeas and no nays, to send a very strong signal to our potential enemies around the world that we are not only ready to fight terrorism diplomatically and militarily, but we are also ready to use our economic might if we have to.

Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. BALDACCI. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PETRI). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BARTON) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 250, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PETRI). In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those present have voted in the affirmative.

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

HERBERT H. BATEMAN POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1749) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 685 Turnberry Road in Newport News, Virginia, as the "Herbert H. Bateman Post Office Building".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 1749

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. HERBERT H. BATEMAN POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 685 Turnberry Road in Newport News, Virginia, shall be known and designated as the "Herbert H. Bateman Post Office Building".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the Herbert H. Bateman Post Office Building.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Virginia (Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Virginia (Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on the bill, H.R. 1749.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Virginia?

There was no objection.

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 1749. This legislation will name the local Post Office at 685 Turnberry Road in Newport News as the "Herbert H. Bateman Post Office Building," after former Representative Herb Bateman, who represented the First Congressional District of Virginia for 9 terms in the United States Congress.

Herb Bateman was a true Virginia gentleman and a great American patriot. His loyalty to our Nation and his unyielding efforts to ensure its protection have always been met with great admiration. Considering the current events of the day, his fervent support for our Nation's armed forces takes on an even more significant role.

Herb Bateman will always be remembered in the First Congressional District as a loyal public servant of the people, and an honorable and dedicated man. This postal renaming legislation demonstrates our deep respect and gratitude for Herb's tireless service to the betterment of our community, Virginia and our great Nation.

The First District will always remember his numerous contributions to the area. The Herbert H. Bateman Post Office is a fitting tribute to our friend. His service to the defense of our country, the betterment of our waterways and infrastructure, and his numerous other accomplishments will not soon be forgotten. I encourage all Members to support H.R. 1749.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, as a member of the Committee on Government Reform, I am pleased to join my colleague in the consideration of a postal naming bill, H.R. 1749, which names a Post Office in Newport News, Virginia, after Herbert

H. Bateman, was introduced by the gentlewoman from Virginia (Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS) on May 8, 2001.

Mr. Speaker, Herbert H. Bateman was born in 1928 in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, and lived in Newport News since childhood. He attended the College of William and Mary and Georgetown University Law Center. He practiced law, served in the Air Force and the Virginia State Senate. He was elected to represent the First Congressional District of Virginia in 1982. While in Congress, Representative Bateman was a senior member of the House Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure until his untimely death on September 11, 2000.

As a Member of this body, Representative Bateman is remembered as being a strong supporter of the military and protector of the large shipbuilding industry in Newport News, Virginia. Representative Bateman was recognized as a defender of our national security, a staunch advocate for the readiness of our armed forces, and worked tirelessly to ensure the Naval superiority of America.

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In short, he was a great patriarch.

Mr. Speaker, I want to commend and thank the gentlewoman from Virginia (Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS) for introducing this measure.

Mr. Speaker, I would just indicate, I know that the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. SCOTT) had intended to be here and wanted to speak on this bill. Unfortunately, he did not make it. I would simply again commend the gentlewoman from Virginia.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to be here today to pay tribute to Mr. Bateman's humble service. I am grateful for his service and am delighted that I could in this small way honor the life of Herb Bateman with this legislation. I urge all Members to support this measure.

Mr. SCOTT. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in support of H.R. 1749 to designate a post office in Newport News, Virginia as the "Herbert H. Bateman Post Office Building."

The Virginia Delegation is pleased to support this bill. He was well thought of and highly respected by all of us. The delegation has always worked cooperatively and in a bipartisan fashion on issues affecting Virginia and Herb steadfastly contributed to that spirit.

It is fitting that we pay tribute to Herb's memory and service by naming a post office for him. Herb's hard work and dedication to the constituents of the 1st Congressional District of Virginia, which he always referred to as "America's 1st District", was well known.

Herb and I served neighboring districts in the House and during my service in the Virginia Legislature, he was either my state Sen-

ator or my Congressman, so we had many opportunities to work together to represent the interests of the residents of the Hampton Roads area. Having worked side by side, I can tell you that Herb Bateman was a hard working and effective legislator during his many years of public service.

He conscientiously promoted the needs of a district with a strong military and federal presence. As a member of the Armed Services committee, he made military readiness and the concerns of military families his highest priorities. Because of his total dedication, America enjoys a strong military and school districts with a large military presence receive additional federal funding through Impact Aid.

In Hampton Roads, we have been particularly grateful for Herb's leadership because we continue to build aircraft carriers and submarines, NASA budgets reflect a higher priority for the aeronautics research proudly done at NASA Langley Research Center and the Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility (Jefferson Lab) continues to excel.

Indeed, Mr. Speaker, it is fitting that we honor Herb's memory and service to the 1st Congressional district and to this body by naming a post office for him.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support the bill.

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 1749, which would designate the United States Postal Service located at 685 Turnberry Road in Newport News, Virginia as the "Herbert H. Bateman Post Office Building." I would also like to thank my colleague, Representative JO ANN DAVIS, Herb's successor in America's First District, for her leadership in introducing this legislation.

My friend and former colleague Herb Bateman was a true gentleman and a great patriot. I will never forget his kind and valuable tutelage when I first came to Congress, nor will I forget how he demonstrated to all of us the importance of caring more about doing good than getting credit.

On a political and ideological level, there was much to learn from Herb: His fiscal conservatism and commitment to restraining big government and protecting taxpayers' interest. His unwavering support of a strong military and of the men and women who dedicate their lives to protecting our nation. His dedication to cleaning up the Chesapeake Bay, and so much more.

Herb Bateman took great pride in serving the people of America's First District for 18 years. In doing so, he was an asset not only to the people of the Northern Neck and the Eastern Shore of Virginia, but to the nation as a whole. It is fitting, therefore, that we take steps to honor and memorialize Herb, so that his service to America will never be forgotten.

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I join my fellow members of the Virginia congressional delegation and our colleagues today in support of H.R. 1749, the Herbert H. Bateman Post Office Designation Act, and thank Congresswoman JO ANN DAVIS of the First District for introducing this legislation to honor the member of Congress who preceded her.

Herb loved being a member of Congress. He was a decent, hard-working, likeable man who could reach across the aisle to work together for the best interests of America.

He loved representing the people of Virginia's First Congressional District, and beamed with pride in calling his district, "America's First District." He worked tirelessly for his district. He grew up and practiced law in Newport News, and was a graduate of the College of William and Mary, so he had a special affinity for the people he represented.

Aside from his love for the First district, his achievements as a legislator were impressive. As chairman of the House Armed Service subcommittee on military readiness, he was a diligent champion for the defense interests not only of the Tidewater area of Virginia which he represented, but most importantly for a strong defense for our nation.

He believed in a strong military and a strong navy. He always understood the need for adequate training before sending our forces into harm's way. He was relentless in the pursuit of military excellence, and he could work with anybody on any side of an issue. Most importantly, when meeting the challenges faced by this great country, party really made no difference.

It is especially fitting that we recognize Herb's legislative accomplishments in the area of defense as America's armed forces bravely undertake operations in Afghanistan as we speak. He was a protector of our national defense, and he initiated the practice of listening to the field commanders of our armed forces—the captains and colonels and majors—and not solely relying on the Pentagon brass to get the real picture about our nation's defense forces.

I have no doubts that Herb's past work will contribute to a successful conclusion to our on-going military efforts. Herb was a champion of increasing our military readiness, and if we can do anything to honor his memory, it will be to continue to invest in improving and maintaining our nation's defense readiness.

He also worked to protect the welfare of the men and women in uniform and their families, and those who have retired from the service of their country.

Herb also worked hard for commuters in the First District. Through his seat on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, he focused on improving the highways and bridges in the Tidewater area and protecting the Chesapeake Bay's oyster and crab production.

It is fitting that we honor the memory of Herb Bateman, a devoted public servant of the Commonwealth of Virginia and our nation, by designating the postal facility at 685 Turnberry Road in Newport News, Virginia, as the Herbert H. Bateman Post Office Building.

I urge my colleagues to unanimously support H.R. 1749 in tribute to the late Herb Bateman.

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Herbert H. Bateman Post Office Building Designation Act introduced by my colleague, Representative JO ANN DAVIS to pay tribute to my dear friend Congressman Herb Bateman.

Many of my colleagues have spoken about Herb's distinguished service to Virginia as a State Senator and his legislative accomplishments as a Member of Congress. Herb exemplified leadership and honor in his service to Congress on the Armed Services Committee and the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and to his country in his service in

the U.S. Air Force during the Korean war. But Herb was more than a distinguished Member or colleague, he was a dear and personal friend.

I am honored and grateful to have had the opportunity to have known Herb Bateman. Herb and his wife Laura have been great personal friends to my wife Emilie and me and Laura continues to be a close friend. It is always sad to lose someone from the Congressional family, but Herb will be remembered for his accomplishments and leadership, but most of all for his friendship. We have lost a great friend and leader.

Herb was a highly respected Member of the House of Representatives. While I am saddened by his passing, his extensive contributions to Virginia, this Nation, and the fond memories that I have of our friendship will live on forever. That is why, I am pleased to speak today in support of this resolution.

Mr. SCHROCK. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to rise today in support of H.R. 1749, which will honor our good friend, Congressman Herb Bateman. For eighteen years, Herb served Virginia's first district, which he faithfully referred to as 'America's First District.' Herb was a public servant in the truest sense, and was a devoted friend to America's armed forces.

For more than 30 years of public service in both the Senate of Virginia and in this body, Herb reminded us of the need to sustain America's military superiority. As Chairman of the House Armed Services' Subcommittee on Readiness, he was dedicated to the task of keeping America's forces reactive and able to respond with speed and force. We hope that the American military is never forced to prove its strength, but as we have seen over the past few days, America's military is strong, and it is able to respond, both quickly and powerfully when needed. We have Herb to thank, in part, for this sustained strength. He fought relentlessly to build America's Navy and to adequately train America's servicemen and women before sending them into harm's way in today's changing face of combat.

We all lost a good friend last year, when Herb passed away near the end of his final term in the House. His legacy lives on with his wife Laura, their children, and the facility we are naming today. The Herbert H. Bateman Post Office Building will remind us of Herb's service, his friendship and of the lessons he taught us during his time in Congress.

I thank the gentlelady from Virginia for sponsoring H.R. 1749, and I urge passage of this legislation.

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PETRI). The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Virginia (Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1749.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 1 minute p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 6 p.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PETRI) at 6 o'clock and 32 minutes p.m.

REPORT ON H.R. 3061, DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2002

Mr. REGULA, from the Committee on Appropriations, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 107-229) on the bill (H.R. 3061) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes, which was referred to the Union Calendar and ordered to be printed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 1, rule XXI, all points of order are reserved on the bill.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, the Chair will now put the question on each motion to suspend the rules on which further proceedings were postponed earlier today.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

House Concurrent Resolution 244, by the yeas and nays;

House Resolution 250, by the yeas and nays.

The Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the time for any electronic vote after the first such vote in this series.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 244.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. NEY) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 244, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 412, nays 0, not voting 18, as follows:

[Roll No. 372]

YEAS—412

Abercrombie	DeGette	Hulshof
Ackerman	Delahunt	Hunter
Aderholt	DeLauro	Hyde
Akin	DeLay	Inslee
Allen	DeMint	Isakson
Andrews	Deutsch	Israel
Armey	Diaz-Balart	Istook
Baca	Dicks	Jackson (IL)
Bachus	Dingell	Jackson-Lee
Baird	Doggett	(TX)
Baker	Dooley	Jefferson
Baldacci	Doolittle	Jenkins
Baldwin	Doyle	John
Ballenger	Dreier	Johnson (CT)
Barcia	Duncan	Johnson (IL)
Barr	Dunn	Johnson, E. B.
Barrett	Edwards	Johnson, Sam
Bartlett	Ehlers	Jones (NC)
Barton	Ehrlich	Kanjorski
Bass	Emerson	Kaptur
Becerra	Engel	Keller
Bentsen	English	Kelly
Berkley	Eshoo	Kennedy (MN)
Berman	Etheridge	Kennedy (RI)
Berry	Evans	Kerns
Biggert	Everett	Kildee
Bilirakis	Farr	Kilpatrick
Blagojevich	Fattah	Kind (WI)
Blumenauer	Ferguson	King (NY)
Blunt	Filner	Kingston
Boehert	Flake	Kirk
Boehner	Fletcher	Klecza
Bonilla	Foley	Knollenberg
Bonior	Forbes	Kolbe
Borski	Ford	Kucinich
Boswell	Fossella	LaFalce
Boucher	Frank	Lampson
Boyd	Frelinghuysen	Langevin
Brady (PA)	Frost	Lantos
Brady (TX)	Gallegly	Largent
Brown (FL)	Ganske	Larsen (WA)
Brown (OH)	Gekas	Larson (CT)
Brown (SC)	Gephardt	Latham
Bryant	Gibbons	LaTourette
Burr	Gilchrest	Leach
Burton	Gillmor	Levin
Buyer	Gilman	Lewis (CA)
Callahan	Gonzalez	Lewis (GA)
Calvert	Goode	Lewis (KY)
Camp	Goodlatte	Linder
Cannon	Gordon	Lipinski
Cantor	Goss	LoBiondo
Capito	Graham	Lofgren
Capps	Granger	Lowey
Capuano	Graves	Lucas (KY)
Cardin	Green (TX)	Lucas (OK)
Carson (IN)	Green (WI)	Luther
Carson (OK)	Greenwood	Maloney (CT)
Castle	Grucci	Maloney (NY)
Chabot	Gutierrez	Manzullo
Chambliss	Gutknecht	Markey
Clay	Hall (OH)	Mascara
Clayton	Hall (TX)	Matheson
Clement	Hansen	Matsui
Clyburn	Harman	McCarthy (MO)
Coble	Hart	McCarthy (NY)
Collins	Hastings (FL)	McCollum
Combest	Hastings (WA)	McCrery
Condit	Hayes	McDermott
Cooksey	Hayworth	McGovern
Costello	Hefley	McHugh
Cox	Herger	McInnis
Coyne	Hill	McIntyre
Cramer	Hilleary	McKeon
Crane	Hilliard	McNulty
Crenshaw	Hinche	Meehan
Crowley	Hinojosa	Meek (FL)
Cubin	Hobson	Meeks (NY)
Culberson	Hoeffel	Mica
Cummings	Hoekstra	Millender-
Cunningham	Holden	McDonald
Davis (CA)	Holt	Miller, Gary
Davis (FL)	Honda	Miller, George
Davis (IL)	Hooley	Mink
Davis, Jo Ann	Horn	Mollohan
Davis, Tom	Hostettler	Moore
Deal	Houghton	Moran (KS)
DeFazio	Hoyer	Moran (VA)